

**STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
NOTICE & REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE**

ADMINISTRATION
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: High Technology Development Corporation
Name of Requesting Department

Pursuant to HRS §103D-306 and HAR chapter 3-122, Subchapter 9, the Department requests sole source approval to purchase the following:

1. Describe the goods, services, or construction to be procured.

HTDC's Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies (HCATT) will be seeking services from Proton OnSite to inspect equipment purchased earlier from the company. The inspection is required from the manufacturer to determine if components of the equipment are still functioning effectively. Proton OnSite exclusively knows the exact configuration and operating characteristics of the equipment. Proton OnSite will test the electrolyzers to determine how effective the equipment is at producing pure hydrogen.

HCATT purchased an electrolyzer with 3 "cell stacks". Two of these cell stacks were removed and now needs to be tested for effectiveness after being reinstalled.

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider Name:

Proton OnSite

3. Amount of Request:

est. \$1,000

4. Term of contract (shall not exceed 12 months), if applicable:

From: n/a

10/1/2014

To:

12/31/14

2014

5. Prior SPO-001, Sole Source (SS) No.:

Not applicable

6. Describe in detail the following:

a. The unique features, characteristics, or capabilities of the goods, service or construction.

Proton OnSite is the manufacturer of the electrolyzer and inspection of equipment is only conducted at its factory in Connecticut. Proton OnSite has the historical data and test equipment to determine the equipment's current effectiveness. No other vendor is capable of appropriately testing the equipment.

b. How the unique features, characteristics or capabilities of the goods, service or construction are essential for the department

The cell stacks are absolutely essential to producing hydrogen, therefore the testing provided by Proton OnSite is critical in assuring that the equipment is performing up to standards. HCATT has a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Air Force to demonstrate fuel cell electric vehicles. Without the production of hydrogen, HCATT cannot operate the fuel cell electric vehicles. The cell stacks are essential for demonstrating fuel cell electric vehicles for cooperative agreement FA8650-11-2-5605.

7. Describe the efforts and results in determining that this is the only vendor/contractor/service provider who can provide the goods, services or construction.

The equipment utilizes proprietary corporate knowledge and the components being evaluated are highly technical. The testing must be done by this company as any other company would only be guessing at the normal effectiveness of these components.

8. Alternate source. Describe the other possible sources for the goods, services, or construction that were investigated but did not meet the department's needs.

There are no other sources. Without training, materials and a manual from Proton OnSite, no other vendor can evaluate this equipment.

9. Identify the primary responsible staff person(s) conducting and managing this procurement. (Appropriate delegated procurement authority and completion of mandatory training required.)

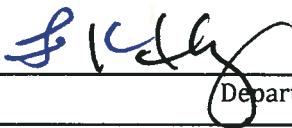
*Point of contact (Place asterisk after name of person to contact for additional information).

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Department shall ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements, including HAR chapter 3-122, Subchapter 15, Cost or Pricing Data if required.

All requirements/approvals and internal controls for this expenditure is the responsibility of the department.

I certify that the information provided is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.



Department Head Signature

6/17/14

Date

For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only

Date Notice Posted: 6-17-14

Submit written objection to this notice to issue a sole source contract within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from date notice posted to:

state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

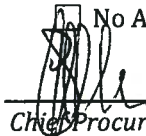
Approval is granted for the period 10/1/14 to 12/31/14 and is based on the department's representation that the electrolyzer is proprietary to Pronon OnSite and any inspection(s) must be done by this vendor to avoid voiding any warranty, per HAR 3-122-81 (6).

If there are any questions, please contact Bonnie Kahakui at 587-4702, or bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov.

☒ Approved

☐ Disapproved

☐ No Action Required



Chief Procurement Officer Signature

8/25/14
Date